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BUT YOU WOULD BE WRONG!

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Way to make me happy! Thanks!



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I currently have 4 little jars on my counter, each with 1/2 a bean and 1 cup of vodka in them. So it's a mix of Tahitian/Polynesian/Mayan/Russian invention to get the extract. I feel so multicultural.



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I remember reading somewhere that basically the entire forest on the Yucatan peninsula is actually an overgrown Mayan garden, that everything there started out life as a cultivar. And now we have the Mayans to thank for vanilla, too. <3



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I read that too. Forest-farms, I think?



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Chaz, you are of the awesome.



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Because I'm obsessed with an orchid?



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Because you remind me that I am not the only one obsessed with knowledge about food and science. I'm feeling a little lonely at work these days...



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Ouch. Surrounded by technicians rather than scientists? That sucks.

There's nothing worse than bouncing up to somebody going GUYSGUYSGUYS! and having them look at you like you're from Mars, then go back to talking about *Survivor*.

The nicest thing about my current workplace is that it's full of geeks.



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Every night, the night prep person makes the batter for the coffee cake to be baked the next morning. The recipe includes both baking powder and baking soda. But baking soda is only good for an immediate rise, and the batter sits in the cooler for 8 hours before being baked. By the time it goes in the oven, all of its leavening power has been expended (and the batter isn't stiff enough to hold the air, plus it gets moved around a lot). The double-acting baking powder is doing all the

work here. So why are we putting in the soda?

I asked this of one of the sous chefs. He shrugged and said, "Well, it works!"

Argh.

The other sous can be reasonably geeky about food, but he's not so much for the science, and he's a bit pompous and unused to new hires actually knowing shit.

Meh. Someday I will own my own place, and I will staff it *entirely with geeks*. And then I will be happy. Stressed, but happy.



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I wonder how many extra pennies of baking soda that is over the course of a year.



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Me, too.

But no one is likely to listen to me. I can't even get Chef to start saving the bones from the roasting chickens, instead of buying back and necks to make stock from, and she *liked* that idea. (Well, she's concerned about freezer space, which is in fact pretty limited this cycle.)

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That's a good idea.

You know the next time I'm baking with [trollcatz](#), she's going to start squeaking "Vanilla! Vanilla! Vanilla!"

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